## **Writing Through Life**

I am obsessed with words. There is something about the way their weight causes them to hang innocently, or precariously in the air. The way their absence, when perfectly placed, can mean more than their presence. I love creating and sending greeting cards- the real kind, you know, through the mail. Writing is a release. In so many ways it provides and outlet-creative, emotional, stress relief, etc. Every time I write, I discover another morsel about what makes me tick in some aspect of my life, as a wife, sister, daughter, educator, colleague and human being. I discover what fuels my passion for life and keeps that fire burning.

Do you know what makes YOU tick? What have you pursued lately? My grandpa always told me,

"Work hard in school. Your education is something that can never be taken from you."

Education comes in many forms. Many people see the word education and are immediately transported back to their days in elementary or high school. They can smell the dry erase markers, hear the sound of the fan blowing through the stale classroom on a hot September day while the teacher tries to talk over its incessant whirring. They think of pb&J lunches in brown paper bags and field trips that always seemed to require more time on the overcrowded bus that at their final destination.

Whoa! Shake it off... come on back to me!

Here's the good news- education is whatever YOU want it to be!

It is up to each of us to seek out the things that help us make sense of our brief, gone in the blink-of-aneye journey through this world. It is our task to challenge ourselves to learn a new skill or hobby. To stoke the internal flame within that keeps us on our toes as we strive to find the best version of ourselves. The story of your life can only be written by one person. Your experiences- matter. Your life journey- matters. Your words- matter.

It is my hope that this blog will challenge and inspire you, make you ponder, bring a smile to your face or a sense of hope in your heart. I welcome you to comment and share, agree and disagree. Topics will range from the personal to the professional, always centered on finding the glimmering chance of discovering something new about yourself, your career, your life.

We choose which words define us. Which will you choose?

By your side,

Blaise